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In response to the pending Non-Final Office Action dated May 16, 2006, please consider the following. Prior to this paper, fees sufficient for examination of three independent claims and 67 total claims were remitted. On entry of this amendment, 16 independent claims and 58 total claims will be in this case. Accordingly, fees in the amount of \$2,600.00 in payment of the fee for 13 additional independent claims are included herewith. No other fees or extensions of time are believed to be required for consideration of this paper. If any additional fees are required, please charge them to Deposit Account 23-3030, but not to include the payment of any issue fees.

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